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Amendment Transmittal Letter

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Washington, DC 20231

Inventor(s): Harry A. Loder and Duane T. Smith  
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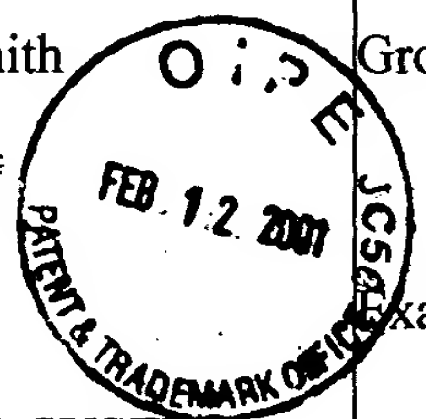
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendments to the above referenced patent application:

In the Claims:

N.B. already done per A  
Please delete claims 1-7.

Please add the following claims:

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13. A connector system for connecting at least one optical fiber cable on a mateable substrate through a backplane, the optical fiber cable including a terminating ferrule, the longitudinal orientation of optical fibers within the terminating ferrule defining a longitudinal axis and a forward direction, the ferrule having a first longitudinal range of motion and a ferrule spring